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The Way Rings Are Made



Has a great deal to do with their real value. You cannot detect a trace of alloy on the rings we make. You note that the settings are faultless. An expert would tell you that these delicate settings are as solid as a rock. These little points add to the value of our jewelry, but we do not tack them to the cost.

Challoner & Mitchell,
JEWELLERS
Telephone 675. 47 Government St.

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The Westside's GREAT REMNANT SALE

Thursday,
Friday,
and Saturday

The Hutcheson Co., Ltd.

LOST IN WONDER



At how they have been bewitched by Trading Stamps. Do you know? If not, why not? By dealing with us you will find out. Your savings will be enough to convince you.

French Prunes.....5c lb
Potatoes "Flour Ball".....\$1.00 sack
Boned Chicken.....25c tin
Boned Turkey.....25c tin

Dixie Hams and Bacon are Unsurpassed

Dixie H. Ross & Co.

Starting Anew



Another year—a new beginning. We greet you at this season, wishing you great benefit from the year to come. If your name has not been on our roll of friends we want to put it there now. If you have granted us your patronage in the past we want to hold your friendship by giving you increased values.

Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd.
61 YATES STREET,
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To make room for NEW STOCK we are selling a number of small lots of

J. W. MELLOR,
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FINE WALL PAPER
AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.



LADIES

will find in our large stock the
Newest
Ideas in
Seasonable
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In Boys' and Girls' School Boots we are offering some splendid values.
SPECIAL—Boys' Boston Thigh Gum Boots, \$3.00 per pair.
Men's Hip Gum Boots, \$4.00 up.

THE PATERSON SHOE CO., Ltd.

SHOE EMPORIUM Cor. Government and Johnson Sts.

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\$50 CASH and one hundred monthly payments of \$12.50 each will buy a five-roomed cottage in good repair on double front lot on car line, near Cook street. Apply

B.C. Land & Investment Agency.
40 Government St.

Must Be Sold

To close the estate, a 5 roomed cottage, bath, pantry, etc., easy terms; also two lots, Stanley avenue, near Fort street, for \$500 each.

P. G. MACGREGOR.
Tel. 664. 92 GOVERNMENT ST.

TO LET.

7 roomed house, bath, etc., top of View street; rent, \$17.
10 roomed house, with 4 lots, orchard, stable, etc., only \$15 per month.
5 roomed house on car line, only \$8.
Your coal and wood orders solicited. Money to loan in sums to suit.
Fire and Life Insurance.

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NO. 15 BROAD STREET.
TELEPHONE 145.

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One acre, Oak Bay avenue, beautiful building site.....\$1,150
Two lots on Dudley avenue, easy terms.....300
One lot, Fourth street, full sized, with back entrance.....450
Stanley avenue, large corner lot.....650
Belleville street, beautiful building lot.....1,500
Two modern dwellings, each with city, two stories each, but and cold water, sewer connections, both in splendid repair and rented to good tenants at remunerative prices.....4,200
Seven roomed 2 story house and 7 lots, price only.....3,800
Richmond avenue, 7 roomed 2 story house, hot and cold water, full sized lot, young orchard.....1,250
Fernwood road, 4 roomed cottage.....750
Saanich, 9 miles from city, 20 acres cleared and fenced, with small house and barn, also good water.....1,800
Cowichan, splendid chicken ranch, 25 acres good land, 10 acres cleared, all fenced, 7 roomed house, barn, stables, etc., easy terms.....1,200
Fire, Life and Accident Insurance
V AND II TROUCE AVE.

WILLIAM F. BEST
ANALYTICAL CHEMIST
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SKATES GROUND.

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Can be quickly cured by taking
Pulmonic Cough Cure
Clarence Block, Corner of Yates and Douglas Sts.
HALL & CO.,
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HASTIE'S FAIR
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At the Bottom.
Flour Sacks for Sale.
50 lbs. sacks, 25c per doz. 100 lbs. sacks 50 cts. per doz., either jute or cotton. At
M. R. SMITH & CO.,
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W. Jones is instructed to sell by public auction on the premises as above,

Thursday, February, 1st
AT 2 P.M. SHARP.

The entire contents of above desirably furnished residence.

Particulars later.

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Parliament
and the WarSpeeches in the House of Lords—
Rosebery on Compulsory
Service.Sir Henry Bannerman Attacks
the Government—Mr. Arthur
J. Balfour's Reply.London, Jan. 30.—The address in
reply to the Queen's speech from the
House of Lords was moved by the Duke
of Devonshire and seconded by the Earl
of Salisbury.The Earl of Kimberley, Liberal leader,
followed. His Lordship congratulated
Lord Salisbury on the conclusion of the
agreement with Germany, but strongly
disapproved of the terms of Mr. Chamber-
lain's speech. In that connection, how-
ever, he paid a warm tribute to the
conduct of the soldiers in the field and to
the loyalty of the British colonies. Al-
though the moment was one of deep
gravity, he would not entirely refrain from
criticism of the conduct of the generals.
It was the duty of the government to
select men to conduct these operations,
and it was their duty toSupport the Government.
It was, therefore, unwise to criticize the
generals in these operations. He did not
mean to imply that the generals were
not doing their utmost to fulfil their
duties, but the government would
be wise if it made every effort to pre-
pare thoroughly for what might occur in
the future.Baron Balfour of Burleigh said the
Jameson raid had closed the mouth of
the government and prevented it from
protesting against the arming of the
Transvaal. But, he added, the govern-
ment must have known armaments were
accumulating to an extent unjustified by
fears of another raid. He would do
nothing to prevent the government from
carrying the war to a successful con-
clusion.Lord Salisbury in reply to the Earl
of Kimberley asserted that there was
nothing in the stipulations of the con-
vention to limit and hinder the im-
portation of arms and ammunition into
the Transvaal. Lord Rosebery, who
continued, the Premier said: "We must
join together and exercise all our powers
in extricating ourselves from a situation
of humiliation and not free from
danger. I will not say the danger may
not have easily been exaggerated. No
country has commenced war with diffi-
culties of the kind we experienced. We
have every ground to think that if we
act ourselves heartily to work and exert
it the undoubted instruments ofThe Power We Possess
we shall bring the war to a satisfactory
conclusion. We have work which ap-
peals to us as subjects of the Queen, and
it must show in the shade all thought
of party expediency."Lord Salisbury then said he regretted
that Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, in the
House of Commons, was about to bring
the issue into party controversy, adding
that the only place where his action
would meet with sympathy was Pretoria.
"Our efforts," the Premier continued,
"must be to retrieve ourselves from the
present situation which cannot be allowed
to last."Continuing, the Premier said: "How
were we to know about the importations
of arms? I believe the guns were introduced
into the Transvaal in boxes and munitions
of war in plain cases. We had a small
secret service fund. If you want much
information you must give much money.
I am glad the action of the military
authorities is not questioned at a time
when our generals in the field and
many of those who could give most
valuable information are unable to ap-
pear. We should defer an inquiry to a
more convenient season."Lord Rosebery asked why the Premier
was so difficult for the man-in-the-
street to support his policy. The past
conduct of the government would come
up for investigation, he hoped, adding:
"We have the right to know if before the
crisis, the intelligence department sup-
plied the government with sufficient in-
formation. If not, dismis the depart-
ment. If the government possessed the in-
formationTheir Responsibility is Heavy.
"I was appalled at the nature and
style of Lord Salisbury's speech. We
have now 120,000 men in South Africa,
yet we are with difficulty holding our
own. The attitude of the nation is
described as friendly. But that does not
strike me as being so admirable as the
word would imply. I deem it necessary
to know what the government is going
to do. Lord Salisbury said the cause
of our disasters was the armaments
secret service fund and the British
constitution. But what is the govern-
ment's duty. Some form of compulsory
service must be introduced to meet the
growing exigencies of the Empire, and I
am sure the nation will not shrink from
either that or any other sacrifice to
preserve the Empire's predominance.""That we should shrink from sending
away vast masses of troops, situated as
we are in the centre of a universe by no
means friendly to us, without having a
hint from the government what military
measures it proposed to take toFace Disasters
we have met and the sacrifices we havemade, is one of the most extraordinary
features of the British constitution. I
agree with Lord Salisbury, that the
country cannot carry the war through in
spite of all the impediments of men and
methods that have shackled it in the
past. But I venture to say it will have
to be inspired by a loftier tone and a
truer patriotism than shown by the
Prime Minister."The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary
of state for war, followed. He said he
was prepared to make a statement at a
future date. The government, he added,
was not prepared and had excellent reasons
for not pushing its arrangements
further.IN THE COMMONS.
In the House of Commons, Capt.
Ernest G. Probyn, Conservative mem-
ber for the Woodbridge division of Suff-
olk, moved the address in reply, which
was seconded by Mr. Herbert J. Pike.
Pike, Liberal Unionist member for
Darlington.Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Li-
beral leader, then rose to reply. Sir
Henry said: "South Africa, political and
military, would undoubtedly engage the
attention of the House to a great extent.
The war was uppermost in all minds when
the members separated in October, and
it was believed there were troops enough
in South Africa to rapidly clear the
Queen's dominions. But their expecta-
tions had been sobered. Week after
week had seen checks, disappointments
and deplorable loss of life. In every in-
stance the advance of British troops
had been stayed by large bodies of the
enemy. But the country had again and
againGone Through Greater Trials
with courage and composure and would
not now depart from its high traditions.
The courage and fortitude of British
soldiers was never more conspicuous, and
they must associate with this the sense
of the colonies who had shown extraordi-
nary aptitude in this kind of warfare.
He appreciated the gallantry and devotion
which led their countrymen to vol-
unteer, but he wished to know the reasons
which necessitated this unusual meth-
od of re-enforcing the army. He and
his friends had resolved to support a
vigorous prosecution of the war, that the
integrity of the Queen's dominions be
restored, and he imagined there would
be no difficulty in obtaining the
additional supplies necessary.""Here my agreement with the govern-
ment ceases," said Sir Henry Campbell-
Bannerman, who then proceeded with a
critique on the military and the adminis-
tration, and the tone and temper in which
it had approached the whole South Af-
rica problem, saying that the narrowness
of the government's provision for
military requirements necessitated hos-
tility, and asserting that its policy made
war probable."The ministers tell us," Sir Henry
continued, "that this war was undertaken
to secureEqual Rights for White Men.
I hope they will transfer this laudable
doctrine to this country. Many instances
might be applied where too little con-
sideration has been shown under Mr.
Chamberlain's administration to the loy-
al Dutch of Cape Colony. The Cape
ministers, who are as much crown min-
isters as Mr. Chamberlain, treated them
in a manner ill calculated to allay doubt
and fears."Mr. Arthur J. Balfour reproached Sir
Henry with waiting until the country
had become involved in military diffi-
culties to bring a vote of censure on the
colonial secretary, which might have been
brought, Mr. Balfour declared, at any
time since 1895. In general defence of
the military authorities and the govern-
ment's policy, Mr. Balfour said, that at
one time the government believed the
war would be avoided, but had subse-
quently become convinced that the Boer
government never from the first intended
to give these franchise concessions, the
withholding of which meant war. He
denied that General Buller had expressed
the opinion that the forces sent out
were inadequate.On the contrary, General Buller had
the common military opinion that the
forces sent out were quite sufficient.
If the government had asked parliament
last August, he continued, to authorize
the dispatch of a large army, it would
have been met only extremely bad diplo-
macy, but would have been impossible
to persuade parliament of its necessity.Referring to the direct question put by
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman: "Did
General Buller go to Natal purely in the
exercise of his military discretion?" Mr.
Balfour answered in the affirmative.
He then proceeded to rebuke the oppo-
sition.

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claring that it was solely due to the ef-
forts of the government during the last
three years that the army and armaments
were greatly improved."The opposition," said Mr. Balfour,
"are apparently ready to take upon their
own shoulders the government of the
country and the conduct of the war. I
wish them well through the task. The
government has not disguised from itself
the magnitude of the task and if parlia-
ment should think it advisable to ex-
change the government at the present
juncture, I can only say that I would
support any succeeding government in
the steps necessary to prosecute the war
to the conclusion we all desire; but the
government will endeavor to discharge
the great responsibility so long as it re-
tains the confidence of parliament."Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice then moved
in amendment to the address: "And we
humbly express our regret at the want
of foresight and judgment displayed by
Her Majesty's advisers as shown alike
in the conduct of African affairs since
1895 and in their preparation for the war
now proceeding."Lord Fitzmaurice attacked Mr. Cham-
berlain's policy.
The debate was then adjourned.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Gen. Buller Tells His Men They Have Gained
the Key of the Road to Ladysmith.London, Jan. 31.—The Daily Mail's cor-
respondent at Capetown sends the follow-
ing:—
General Buller yesterday (Monday) read
the following message from the Queen to
Sir Charles Warren's forces:"I must express my admiration of the
troops during the past trying week, espe-
cially of those regiments you specify and
of the accomplishment of your arduous
march."
General Buller told the men that they
ought not to think because they retired
from their position that all their work was
of no avail. On the contrary, in his opinion,
they had gained the key of the road to
Ladysmith, in which he hoped to be
within a week.Shelling the Boers.
Renburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 26.—General
Buller recommended yesterday beyond
Bastard's Nek with a force of 10,000
infantry, four guns of the Royal Ar-
tillery, Mounted Infantry, the Yorkshires,
Wiltshires and a portion of the Essex
Regiment.Turning to the northeast he approached
the Boer position at Bloubaan, nine miles
beyond Ootenberg on the wagon bridge
road, which the enemy have been fortify-
ing with a view to falling back when they
evacuate Ootenberg.Continuing his approach, General Buller
shelled the enemy, who replied with ar-
tillery and infantry fire. The British, who
were well protected, suffered but little.
An officer and nine men were wounded,
and three men were missing.As the Boers were found in great force,
conflicting the reported reinforcement, and
in a strong position, General Buller dis-
continued the attack and returned to camp.Armaments of the Transvaal.
London, Jan. 31.—An interesting letter
from Sir A. Milner to Mr. Chamberlain
appears in the blue book issued to-day.
The Governor, writing under date of Nov.
29th, says:"I have always regarded a war with
the republic as a very formidable war, indeed,
owing to the colossal armaments of the
Transvaal. In view of these I could not
but anticipate a terrible struggle, the last
thing in the world to which I or any man
could look forward otherwise than with
the gravest solicitude."In the course of the same letter Sir Al-
fred Milner describes the Transvaal as a
"huge arsenal." It is also worthy of note
that on Aug. 27th he wrote to Mr. Schreiner,
the Cape premier, saying: "Like your-
self, I do not expect war."Magazine Destroyed.
The London Times publishes the follow-
ing special from Molder River, dated Jan.
23rd: A large train company, supported
by a howitzer battery, shelled the enemy's
guns yesterday for one hour. One gun was
silenced, and an embrasure being ignited.
Up the entire magazine of the black
powder which is now used by the Boers
has been hit. The magazine, which is be-
coming rapidly exhausted. A shell-
reply was directed against the howitzer
battery, and with such accurate shelling
that the absence of casualties on our side
was most fortunate.All reports of deserters agree that the
situation of the Boers at Magerfontein is
becoming unbearable. The inhuman con-
dition of their camp is spreading enteric
fever, and the absence of vegetables and
all foods, except a few, is causing a general
disaffection over the prolonged cam-
paign. Moral disturbance is now a daily
occurrence, producing the disease called
"right."ABOUT MULES.
Apropos certain remarks on our stamp-
ing mules in an engagement in the
Transvaal, a French writer has published
what purports to be an accurate and, as
far as his own status is any guarantee,
a scientific account of the mule, in
which they are described as the most
manageable and amiable of all animals,
and loved them, in both Spain and Morocco,
in the plains and on the mountain paths.
I am sorry to note that their utility under
favorable conditions is greatly lessened
by a good healthy mule, left to its own
devices and not hurried or hampered,
could walk backwards and forwards with
ease and grace, and that it is a very com-
mon sight to see a mule, laden with a
heavy load, moving like a giraffe at the
approach of an angry camel, and every
care is taken, in reference to this well-
known peculiarity in mule character, not
to frighten these animals among the
mountains. A sudden step to right or
left might mean a journey of several
thousand feet in a few seconds, and it is
best under these circumstances to leave
the sure-footed line of mules in the
stagnant place of their own way and choose
his own pace. F. G. Adair, in the
Morning Leader.

Aliens in Atlin

Report of the Executive Council
on a Burning Sub-
ject.Reply of the Ministry to the Re-
presentations of American
Petitioners.In reply to the resolution of the
House calling for a return of the report
of the Executive Council in regard to the
petition addressed to the President of
the United States by certain residents of
Atlin, complaining of the recent mining
legislation of this province as therein set
forth, the Minister of Justice for Canada upon
the discovery of the petition, consisting
of a single document, a report of the Executive Council bearing
date of the 6th June last, has been
submitted as follows:To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in
Council:The undersigned has had before him
for consideration a communication from the
Lieut.-Governor dated the 12th ult.,
wherein was transmitted a copy of a
petition addressed to the President of
the United States by certain residents of
Atlin, complaining of recent mining
legislation of this province as therein set
forth.The undersigned has the honor to re-
port as follows in regard to said peti-
tion:The petition states that four-fifths of
the claims prospect and located belong
to citizens of the United States; thus
according to the petition there is only
one-fifth left for other aliens and
our own citizens. This statement is
probably like the other statements in the
petition, greatly exaggerated, but there
is sufficient truth in it to justify (in its
proportion between aliens and citizens)
the legislature took to carry out their
avowed policy, the reservation of the
provincial placer mines for British sub-
jects.The question whether such policy was
the true interest of the province is one
for the legislature, and the legislature
and of no concern to outsiders. The
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ment true, nor that any present depre-
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second month's supply will be the same,
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but the third month's we are sending out
one hundred and fifty thousand tons of
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now for meat.""You are not sending out live stock,
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absurdity of the petitioners' claims
would be seen at once, and the absurdity
exists no less although the reserve thus
made has been relaxed so far as citizens
are concerned. The grievance of the
petitioners is really not that they are
shut out, but that others are admitted.
The fifth clause of the petition claims
that the petitioners had acquired vested
rights by taking out free miners' cer-
tificates, not only to the rights granted
by such certificates at the time, but to
renewal in perpetuity of such rights. To
state this is to refute it. The crown
and legislature in providing for the
granting to free miners of the right to
prospect for and appropriate minerals,
could not and did not intend themselves
of the power to amend the terms and
conditions of such certificates in any
manner that might be deemed expedient.
When recorded claims were exempted
from the operation of the law, every-
thing was already decided, and had been
done that the most extreme advocate of
vested rights could justly claim.The sixth clause of the petition com-
plains of alleged losses to the petitioners
through lack of sufficient facilities for
recording claims. This to some extent
may have been the case, but so far as
it did exist was caused by unavoidable
circumstances for which no responsibility
attaches to the government.So anxious have the government and
the legislature been to minimize as much
as possible any hardship or injustice
which may have been occasioned
through the sudden rush into the north-
western corner, following on the discovery
of rich diggings there, that an act was
passed at the last session of the legisla-
ture providing for the appointment of a
judge of the Supreme Court as a com-
missioner, with full powers to settle all
disputes in that country in accord with
equity and the spirit of the mining acts
without being bound by the strict let-
ter of the law.The grievance complained of in the
seventh clause of the petition that aliens
cannot obtain work on claims held by
citizens, had already been removed. By
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sity of a laborer in a mine taking out
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its, and so on.""Now a question as to the transport
used.""We have four kinds: ox, mule, horse,
and traction. The traction engine is the
latest innovation, and big things are pro-
phesied of it; but we shall see what we
shall see.""Wherever the men happen to be at
the moment, they sit down on the veldt
and withdraw from their haversacks
knives and forks, and fall to. There are,
it is needless to say, no tables, nor any
luxuries of that sort. Each man is pro-
vided with a canteen—a sort of double
plate—and carries with him pepper and
salt. The canteen and knife, fork and
spoon are his own personal property.""Of how many meals daily does a sol-
dier on the march partake?"
"In the morning, before starting out,
he receives a cup of hot, sweetened coffee
(no milk); at midday a hot is called and
he opens his canteen containing a portion
of the cold meat, and takes from his har-
vack some bread; in the evening he par-
takes of dinner, his principal meal. All
rations are absolutely free in time of
war, but here is a list, red-hot from the
"control" department, setting forth a sol-
dier's rations per diem during the present
war:"1½ lb. fresh meat, 1½ lb. bread
(fresh), 1 oz. coffee, 1 oz. tea, 1-30 oz.
pepper, 1 oz. salt, 1 oz. chocolate, 1 oz.
compressed vegetables, 1 oz. lime juice,
and when the medical officer likes, 1-44
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The B. C. Contingent for South Africa—Free Miners' Licenses.

The Amendments to the Game Bill—The Exportation of Hides.

Victoria, Jan. 30th, 1900.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:12 p.m. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Wilson. The public, anticipating another day of routine, did not patronize the galleries liberally at the opening. The hall, which up to this day has been pretty well occupied, had only two fair spectators in it at 2:25.

The first business was the presentation by Mr. Prentice of another petition respecting the act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act and amending acts. Ten minutes were then taken up reading the petitions presented yesterday against the Vancouver bill.

Reports.

Mr. Green presented the sixth report of the private bills, as follows: That the notice of the Lake Bennett railway had not expired, but as a matter of public interest the committee recommended the suspension of the rules so as to admit of the bill being introduced.

Mr. Pooley wanted to know something about the Lake Bennett railway. He did not see why the rules should be suspended. He objected to always suspending the rules to enable bills to come in here when the people had not taken the trouble to get their bills brought before the committee in proper time.

Mr. Green said this was simply a question of the rules as to publication of notices not being complied with. The committee, in making its recommendation, had only followed the usual practice.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton said he had been on the private bills committee for a good many years, and he thought Mr. Pooley was a little silly in his remarks. In former years in many cases a company did not comply with the rules the committee recommended that the rules be suspended and the company allowed to come in. This year the committee had only allowed them to come in on paying double fees. That was quite a different thing. At the same time he agreed with Mr. Pooley that if the House was going to have rules they might as well make such as they intended to enforce. He thought the government would probably recommend that the House should appoint a committee to make some verbal recommendations in the rules. There seemed to be some misapprehension on the part of some of the members as to the exact meaning of some of the rules. He thought it made quite a difference when they required the parties to pay double fees.

Colonel Baker suggested that the fees should be multiplied by four. That would be of greater benefit to the province, and perhaps would make people wake up and bring their bills in time. If the committee, which the Finance Minister intended to ask for, would take that into consideration, they might make progress.

Mr. Helmsen—Ha! ha!

Mr. Turner was surprised to hear the Finance Minister state that in former years double fees had not been enforced. He did not think that was the case. In former years some people had been relieved from paying double fees.

Mr. Kellie said that some years ago a bill was brought in during the last week of the session without payment.

The rules were suspended and the report received.

Mr. Borlson's Telegram.

Hon. Mr. Scrimin—Before going on with the business I would like to read a telegram I have received from Ottawa as follows:

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 20, 1900.

Hon. C. A. Scrimin, Victoria: I had hoped for extra space on the Strathcona transport to accommodate the British Columbia contingent, but none is available. I am negotiating elsewhere, and expect an early reply.

Signed: F. W. BORDEN.

Colonel Baker thought these must be some misunderstandings with the Dominion government, because it seemed to look upon the matter as merely one of transport. It was not that by any means; that was a very small part of the question. The principal matter was organization. If they were to wait to organize until the transport was ready they would not be able to get the men to the transport in time. The government should come to some arrangement with the Dominion by which it should be allowed to go on with the organization and be ready to send the men directly the transport was available.

Rising again, Colonel Baker asked for the indulgence of the House while he read a letter indicative of the patriotism which existed among British subjects in all parts of the world, and especially in this continent. "It is really worth reading to the House," he added, "because it makes us proud of our nation."

The correspondence follows:

Port Guelph, Jan. 29th, 1900.

Colonel Baker, Dear Sir: I am anxious to do all in my power to forward the views of Mr. Hughes, a copy of whose letter, which will explain itself, I enclose. I may say that he is a Welshman, about 20 years of age, and left my employ in Manitoba to go to Montana some twelve years ago, where

he has been in the cattle and mail running business ever since.

I know him to be a thoroughly honorable and fearless young man, and physically, all that the most critical would desire, and an sure would be a splendid acquisition to our mounted scouts. Knowing that you are deeply interested in our present struggle must be my excuse for troubling you in this matter, and would feel grateful if you would let me know what chance there is for my friend getting on.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) JNO. HONEYMAN.

Billings, Montana, Jan. 11th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Honeyman:

I happened to hear this morning that some of your British Columbia people were sending troops to South Africa, and being very much interested thought I would write and see if you could give me any information about it. I thought I had outlived my sentimental feelings toward the "Old Country," but just at present I have a strong desire to go and fight for her, and would like to go with Western troops. I think I am quite well qualified. I served in the Spanish war as a sergeant of a troop of rough riders, and am in fine condition physically. My prospects are very good, but I can't help feeling I ought to be at the front. If they have any trouble getting men to fill out the troops and you will wire me, at my expense, I will come at once.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) J. E. HUGHES.

New Bill.

Mr. Clifford introduced a bill to incorporate the Lake Bennett railway. It was read a first time and referred to the railway committee.

Free Miners' Licenses.

Mr. McPhillips moved for a return of all correspondence that may have passed between the provincial government or any member thereof, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to requests for refund of moneys paid to renew free miners' certificates which were thought to be affected by the passage of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899," and the "Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899."

The mover thought it would be only doing justice to refund this money. Certainly people should not be required to pay twice.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton said he really did not understand the position the hon. gentleman took. When this matter came up some time since he (Mr. Carter-Cotton) pointed out that the department had advised those who inquired of it and proposed to pay again, that there was no occasion to do so. In spite of that certain parties persisted on again paying their fees. The government did not ask them to pay them.

Mr. McPhillips—Why should you keep the fees?

Mr. Carter-Cotton said that as far as he knew there had been no legal decision as to whether the government was right or wrong. He could not see why the money should be refunded.

Mr. Higgins was very sorry to see the Finance Minister opposing the resolution.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton—I am not opposing the resolution. I said nothing about it.

Mr. Higgins thought it would be rather funny for the hon. gentleman to oppose it after having refunded \$7.50 for that grouse case. (Laughter.)

Mr. McPhillips explained that this was a case where the Crown had received money twice over. Many citizens and corporations were advised that they might lose their property unless they paid those moneys. Counsel of all shades of politics advised their clients that they would have to renew their licenses at and from May 31st, 1899, or they would be in peril of losing their property. That advice was generally given by the best legal talent of British Columbia. It seemed to him that ordinary justice required that the government should make restitution of these moneys.

The Speaker put the motion: "Shall the resolution pass?"

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton—Aye. The motion was agreed to.

Eight-Hour Law.

Mr. Higgins asked when they might expect to have the correspondence regarding the eight-hour law printed.

Mr. Kidd said the committee had not yet considered it, but would do so as soon as possible.

Mining Recorders' Duties.

Mr. A. W. Smith asked the Minister of Mines the following questions:

1. Why was it necessary to pass an order in council, prohibiting mining recorders from performing the duties conferred on them by section 6, Placer Mining Amendment Act, 1899, and section 8, Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899?

2. Was the order in council passed by authority of section 150, Placer Mining Act, and section 143, Mineral Act?

3. Has the order in council been laid before the Legislative Assembly, as required by the Placer Mining and Mineral Acts?

Mr. Home in reply said that no such order in council was ever passed.

Jurors Bill in Committee.

The House went into committee on the Jurors Act Amendment bill, Mr. Hall in the chair.

On clause 3, extending the Jurors Act to Nelson and Rossland registers, Mr. Deane asked the Attorney-General to include Kamloops with Nelson and Rossland. Up to the present there was no proper provision regarding the selection of jurors. The Attorney-General promised to put in a sub-section to cover Kamloops.

Some discussion ensued on clause 9, regarding mileage. Col. Baker and others asked that more than \$2 per day should be paid to grand and petit jurors. One hon. member asserted that \$2 a day was better than nothing.

The remaining clauses were put through and the committee rose reporting progress.

Read a Third Time.

The County Courts (Vacation) bill was read a third time and passed.

The report on the Evidence bill was adopted and the bill read a third time.

Game Bill Amendments.

Consideration of the Game bill was resumed in committee, Mr. Kellie in the chair.

Mr. McPhillips moved as an amendment to insert in clause 2, after the

word information in the 10th line the following:

"And in all cases the owner of proving that any skin or hide of any animal mentioned in this act is not intended to be exported as aforesaid shall be upon the person in whose possession or custody the same may be found."

This amendment is in the line of making persons in whose possession skins are found prove that he has not got them for an improper purpose.

Mr. Helmsen said that the orders of the House required that two days' notice be given of such amendments. That was more particularly needed in this House because it was so hard to hear.

Mr. Kellie—Do you move that the committee rise?

Mr. Helmsen did not wish to do that.

Mr. A. W. Smith thought such an amendment might be rather hard on up-country farmers and hunters who might have to go 40 or 50 miles sometimes to prove that they did not intend to export skins they might have in their possession. It would be unfair to throw the onus of proof on every man who had a few deer skins in his possession.

Hon. Mr. Henderson thought the amendment a good one and he did not think it would entail any hardship, on the other hand it might assist in obtaining a conviction. The amendment was not intended to act against such men as Mr. Smith instanced.

Mr. A. W. Smith still thought the amendment should be carried. He thought the whole Game Act dangerous.

Hon. Mr. Scrimin said the object of the whole thing was to prevent the indiscriminate slaughter of deer. In the upper country the Game Act was not fully enforced, and there was little danger of this amendment being called into existence there and imposing hardship on the farmers of the interior.

Mr. Helmsen spoke up for the farmers as against the coast people who wished to conserve game for their own future "sport." He objected to this continual tinkering with the Game Act.

Mr. Hall said that at one time all the skins of deer killed on the island used to come to Victoria, now they were shipped across to Seattle.

The amendment was carried.

Mr. Price Ellison moved an amendment as to the killing of deer. He thought there were more killed and destroyed in March, April, May and June than in any other time.

Mr. Broom thought such an important amendment should be printed.

Hon. Mr. Scrimin was hardly inclined to think that amendment should be general. In some parts of the island deer got into the farmers' crops and destroyed them.

Mr. Helmsen asked if it was the intention of the Attorney-General to introduce an amendment to stop that kind of animal that went around shooting game out of season and then when caught obtained a remission of half the fine.

Hon. Mr. Henderson—If the hon. member will introduce an amendment it will be considered. (Laughter.)

Progress was reported in order that the amendments of Mr. Ellison and others may be printed.

Trustees Bill.

The report on the Trustees bill was adopted.

Concerning Companies.

The House went into committee on the Companies bill (No. 20), Mr. Robertson in the chair.

Section 5 was reconsidered. The Attorney-General said he had found out from the Queen's printer that the cost of publishing in the B. C. Gazette alterations in the memorandum of association was just the same for four notices as for one. He moved that the clause stand as originally introduced. This was carried.

Some debate took place on the powers of non-liability mining companies. Mr. Jos. Martin again raised his point that there was something in the Companies Act to prevent directors from disposing of properties of companies without the consent of the shareholders.

This bill as introduced, in sub-section 10 of clause 6 allowed the borrowing of a sum equal to one-half of the paid-up capital at the time being. Hon. Mr. Henderson moved an amendment providing that only one-quarter of the sum could be so raised. The Attorney-General also amended sub-section 2 by adding copper. The clause before empowered these companies to dig for and treat "gold, silver, lead, ores," and other minerals.

Mr. McPhillips took the discussion back to sub-section 10. He suggested that it be amended so that the directors should not borrow without consent of the shareholders.

Mr. Green said the whole section required very serious consideration.

The section was laid over and sub-section 3 was amended by adding the word "mining" so that these corporations may "carry on the business of a mining, smelting, milling and refining company in all or any of its branches."

Sections 7, 8 and 9 were passed and section 2 was reconsidered.

This section was last week laid over at Mr. Pooley's request. Hon. Mr. Henderson said that any Small Debts Court magistrate had been guilty of such wrong-doing but the Attorney-General should find out if there was any action of the kind and the guilty parties should, as he said, be struck off the list.

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Mr. Martin's new section was agreed to and the committee rose and reported progress.

"The Floppers."

Mr. McPhillips asked the Premier if he had any announcement to make regarding Mr. J. Martin on the railway and

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derson said the object in striking out the words, which said companies must specify the part of the province where the registered office was to be situated, was that companies might have an opportunity of changing their head office when they desired. Section 84 and other sections of the act afforded sufficient safeguard that there be official notification of where the registered office was.

Mr. McPhillips thought that section 84 covered the objection originally raised by Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Pooley said he would have no objection to the amendment going through if the Attorney-General would amend the original act by changing the words "head office" to "registered office," in a certain clause. The section was passed, as were sections 3, 4 and 5.

The committee rose and reported progress.

First Report.

Mr. Macpherson presented the first report of the railway committee, reporting the preamble proved of the Chikita Pass Railway & Navigation Company.

Must be Stopped.

The House went into committee on the bill to provide for garnishee proceedings in the Small Debts Court, Mr. Muir in the chair.

All the sections were passed, save section 7 and 9, referring to the return of summonses before a Superior or County Court judge, which were laid over.

Mr. Joseph Martin moved a new section in conformity with his remarks of yesterday, to prevent any Small Debts Court magistrate, either personally or through his clerk, collecting accounts.

Hon. Mr. Scrimin supposed it was all right, but he had never heard of any magistrate acting so improperly. He had been in the province a long time and knew many justices of the peace and was certainly unaware of their acting in a manner so reprehensible. He did not see, however, that the magistrates' clerks should be stopped from collecting accounts.

Mr. Eberts thought that if any magistrate was found guilty of acting as a collecting agent his name should be struck off the list of justices of the peace. The act was unlawful and he did not see why an amendment should be brought in to say it was unlawful. He asked the Attorney-General to make the fullest inquiry into the matter. He could not believe that any Small Debts Court magistrate had been guilty of such wrong-doing but the Attorney-General should find out if there was any action of the kind and the guilty parties should, as he said, be struck off the list.

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"The Floppers."

Mr. McPhillips asked the Premier if he had any announcement to make regarding Mr. J. Martin on the railway and

mining committee. If not he should ask leave to re-introduce his motion.

Hon. Mr. Scrimin said he brought the matter to the attention of the leader of the opposition, but did not understand from that gentleman that he was desirous of naming any further members on the committee.

Mr. J. Martin—Surely the leader of the opposition has nothing to do with the matter.

Mr. Turner—No. The leader of the opposition added that he replied to the Premier saying that he (Mr. Turner) named his committee earlier in the session, but he had no objection to the inclusion of Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin's name was then added to the railway and mining committee, while to keep the government's majority, the name of Mr. Tisdall was placed on the railway committee and that of Mr. Wells on the mining committee.

Mr. Eberts moved that Mr. Higgins's name be added to the railway committee. This was agreed to and Mr. Kelly's name was also placed on that body to keep the government majority.

During the interesting little scene that took place of adding these names to committees Messrs. Tisdall and Martin were indiscriminately referred to as "the junior member for Vancouver."

Mr. McPhillips therefore asked Mr. Speaker to settle the destination of these hon. gentlemen. If he would do that hon. members would be much relieved. (Laughter.)

Mr. Helmsen called attention to the need of the railway committee being given a larger room. He said that the present quarters were cramped when all were in it—the committee men, the parties interested in the bill under discussion, their lawyers, and the wire-pullers. (Laughter.)

The House rose shortly after 5 p.m.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Kellie gave notice of a bill to amend the Explosives Storage Act.

Mr. Booth will move for a return of all papers connected with the action of the licensing court for North Victoria in refusing to continue the license of the Mayne Island Hotel, in particular the petition against the house, the report of the inspector and the reasons given by the commissioners for refusal.

Mr. Green will on Thursday ask leave to introduce a bill to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the members of the council of Sandon.

Notice of Questions.

M. A. W. Smith gave notice that on Thursday next he will ask the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions: Why was it necessary for the Minister of Mines to issue the notice as published in the Gazette, 20th April, 1899, that the powers conferred upon mining recorders by section 8 of the Min-

eral Act Amendment Act, 1899, and by section 6, Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899, should not be exercised by them until so directed by the Minister of Mines? Was the notice issued by authority of section 150 of the Placer Mining Act and section 143 of the Mineral Act? If yes, has the order or regulation been laid before the Legislative Assembly as required by Placer Mining and Mineral Acts?

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This gave a little respite, and enabled him to collect himself. Yes, he said, he was coming from Kimberley, and was looking for work. He preferred looking for work to taking up arms. Before the Boers sought to search him he brought out two hard-boiled eggs, which he offered them. They refused, and then he produced his brown paper packet of sandwiches, and said he had two sandwiches which they could have. His seeming kindness was his salvation, and the Boers were satisfied. They gave him plenty of advice, and told him to keep his sandwiches as they had a sufficiency of bullets.

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The 12th annual general meeting of the above society will be held at Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, on Wednesday, the 31st of January, 1900, at 8 p.m.

To receive the directors' and auditors' reports, also the secretary's report and balance sheet, and such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 31.—5 a.m.—A vast high barometer area accompanied by fair weather covers the continent from the Pacific to Ontario and southward to Utah. Moderate winds and sharp frosts continue over this and the Washington coast, while between the ranges it is much colder. Mail-tube reports temperatures of 20 below zero, and Alberta comparatively mild weather. There are no immediate indications of a change in the present weather conditions.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderately northwesterly winds, continued fair to-day and Thursday, with frosts at night.

Lower Maland—Moderate winds, continued fair and cold to-day and Thursday.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 30; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Nanaimo—Wind, N. W.; weather, fair. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.48; temperature, 16; minimum, 13; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 3 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—See Dave Marion and Jim Post and laugh, at Savoy to-night.

—You will find it in the B. C. Guide, 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

—Shakes—Shakes—Shakes at Henry Short and Sons, 72 Douglas street.

—Superb hair and all facial blemishes removed by electrolysis. Electric Parlor, 114 1/2 Yates street.

—You boil potatoes but you brew tea. To do so properly consult the directions on the packets of "HONDI."

—The honorary treasurer of the Mansion House fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$100 from E. Scott of \$5 from Mr. H. Ruckle, of Salt Spring Island.

—See the comedy-drama, "Euchred," at the Savoy Theatre to-night.

—The committee of management in connection with the military dance to be given on Monday, February 5th, have extended an invitation to the honorary members of the officers' mess.

—The Ladies Aid Society of Knox Presbyterian church last evening held a parlor social at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Ewart, upper Pandora street. A large number were in attendance, who listened to an excellent programme, and partook of the liberally dispensed refreshments. During the evening a collection was taken up, and a substantial amount raised to augment the funds of the church.

—Last week of Lynwood, the "Human Knot," at Savoy Theatre, to-night.

—Work on the erection of a two-story and basement brick building will be commenced in the near future on the corner of Store and Cormorant. The property is at present occupied by the Lighthouse saloon. The new building will have a frontage of 27 feet and a depth of 60 feet. The contract will probably be let to-day or to-morrow. The contract for graving the roofs on the Earle, Williams and Vernon buildings has been awarded to John Bell. The two first blocks are now in course of erection, while it is the intention of the owner to add another story to the Vernon building.

—Last night the Victoria theatre was again filled to-house the Neil company, which deserves, and from present appearance will have, a phenomenal run in Victoria. Capt. Lettbridge was capitally presented, and to-night the company promise something equally good in "Lord Chumley." Speaking of the "Lord Chumley," an exchange says in selecting for the first half of the present week the delightful comedy, "Lord Chumley," Mr. Neil has shown his characteristic good taste. The piece is so different from the one in which the company appeared last week, and the characters impersonated so contrasting to those in "The Senator," that the pleasure of the production is heightened by the display of versatility. From Senator Rivers to Lord Chumley is a far cry, but Mr. Neil seemed equally at home in both roles. As wide a gap separates the wife of the secretary of state and dweller of the slums, but Miss Doorens was equal to the task. George Bloomquist, whom we have been accustomed to see in familiar evening attire, and who we had begun to think would be inadequate in almost any other character, showed up last night as the stoker of an engine, greasy, grimy, pig-nosed, and in overalls and swathed in red flannel. A typical Londoner who came his broad by the hardest kind of labor, and he made the greatest hit thus far in his career in this city. It was all well done, and that it met with the approval of the audience was made manifest by hearty calls which could not be stifled until the whole company had passed in review. The staging was particularly handsome, the mounting of the last act, representing the exterior of Lumley Town, being remarkably ornate and beautiful.

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—Clean, cold cash—a discount of 20 per cent. on all cash sales of over one dollar until January 31st in all lines of clothing, men's furnishings, hats, etc., at Reid's winter clearance sale, 122 Government street.

—The mission circles of Calvary and Emmanuel Baptist churches held their semi-annual meeting in the former church last evening. There was a large attendance, and the choir contributed materially to the enjoyment by their music. The chairs were taken by Mrs. Mrs. McNaughton and Mrs. McNeil, and the following programme was then given: Hymn 454, scripture reading, prayer, hymn 134, address on home mission work by the Rev. Mr. Vichet; mission letter by Miss Walker; music by the choir; missionary poem, Mrs. Cogswell; address on missions by Rev. Mr. Hasthings; solo by Mrs. Clyde; missionary letter by Miss Andrews; hymn 486; benediction.

—The sixteenth annual general meeting of the Vancouver Island Building Society was held last evening in St. William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad street. Mr. J. M. Read occupied the chair. The report of the board of directors and of the secretary and treasurer were read, and after being fully discussed were received and adopted unanimously. The recommendations contained in the report of the board of directors and in that of the secretary were adopted by separate resolutions, and the same remuneration as obtained last year was again voted to the officers of the society. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Board of directors, Messrs. J. M. Read, G. A. Carleton, Fred Carme, Jr., Henry Moore and R. Carter; secretary, Mr. Williams; treasurer, Mr. A. H. Maynard; auditors, Messrs. Ross Moore and Wm. Seaworth. The meeting terminated with the conducting of the 114th drawing for an appropriation of shares No. 1 A and B, being the first drawing since the first case on March 1st last, while Mr. A. H. Maynard, who had been elected to the position of secretary, was first thought to be the case.

—Double Stamps with great bargains in Dress Goods, etc., for three days. The Sterling, 88 Yates street.

—Speaking of the charter sought by Mr. King and others for a road over the M. T. P. & S. Skagway Road says: "The next thing Skagway will hear of will be a 'sure enough railroad' over the old Dyea route. Promoters of considerable weight are at work on the scheme which is pronounced by engineers of ability to be entirely feasible, and cheaper of construction than the present road. From Dyea to the seaport a broad gauge road is contemplated. Tunnelling the summit will do away with the inconveniences of heavy snow falls and storms, and with a few miles of snow sleds on the Canadian side, a road can be built that can be operated at a cost of less than a cent a mile, and capital will not be slow to grasp the opportunity if properly laid before it, and the new road will be no means a myth. Skagway will not suffer as many may think for such a result will mean but competition. Possibly a little closer margins, but an addition of business to hold the balance on the right side. Better the road there than twenty miles below, but it would be rather nice if its terminal could be coaxed over to Skagway. The only sufferer in event of the opening of the new road will be the present one, it has courted competition by every move."

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"I saw an improvement from the start, but missed my morning beverage and felt a great lack. It was at the home of a friend and Postum apostle, Mrs. — of London, that I tasted my first Postum. Her family had taken by it a year or more, and declared themselves, from the least to the greatest, benefited by its use."

"I was surprised to find it really palatable, and determined that I could improve on it myself. I purchased a box, and as we all do, on the first trial, made a lamentable failure of it, through insufficient boiling, and the Postum was poured away on an upper shelf, until the oft-repeated newspaper statements made me determine to try it again, with long boiling."

To Ward Off Epidemic

Board of Health Will Urge Upon Citizens the Desirability of Vaccination.

Proclamation to Be Made at Once on the Subject-General Discussion.

The municipal board of health, consisting of the city council, met in the committee room of the city hall this morning, and discussed the necessary steps to be taken to bring about the vaccination of the population of Victoria, and by this means to ward off the violence of the authorities, and entering Victoria.

The mayor, in opening the meeting, stated the necessity of some active measure being taken on the subject, and in all probability Dr. Fraser, who was present, would give his views on the matter.

Dr. Fraser said that some time ago he had received a communication from the secretary of the provincial board of health, informing him of the prevalence of smallpox in Spokane, and that the regulations of the board would be enforced.

One of these provided for the issuing on the part of the health officer a proclamation making it compulsory for every one who has not been vaccinated for seven years, or who is not susceptible to vaccination, to be vaccinated.

The regulations do not necessarily mean compulsion, but the act gives the board power to make the system of vaccination compulsory.

In reply to a question by Ald. Yates, Dr. Fraser stated that so far the provincial board had notified each of the local boards on this matter.

He had endeavored to ascertain, through the Attorney-General, the magnitude of the epidemic in Washington, but as Dr. Fraser had gone away, he could obtain no information on the subject.

Just as Dr. Fraser was speaking, a telephone message was received from the Attorney-General's department, informing him that indirectly it had been ascertained that the epidemic in Seattle and Spokane had not reached the proportions as was first thought to be the case.

Ald. Beckwith understood that the disease had become epidemic in Spokane ever since the first case on March 1st last, while Ald. Yates inquired whether the provincial board's regulations were now in force?

Dr. Fraser replied that the instructions he received were for him to exercise the greatest vigilance in the inspection of incoming steamers, and to guard in every possible way against the introduction of the disease. The communication from Dr. Fraser did not extend to the regulations, but from its contents he inferred that such was the case.

The mayor at this juncture read the weekly report of the sanitary inspector, which averred that there was no case of infectious disease in the city at present. Mayor Harvey said the report of these weekly reports at the weekly meetings of the council.

Speaking on the subject of the enforcement of the regulations, the mayor was of the opinion that vaccination should be optional. He considered that when it became patent to the people that such a step was necessary they would comply of their own accord.

Dr. Fraser had prepared a suggestion on the subject to meet with the consideration of the board. He thought it incumbent upon the authorities to impress the requirements of the regulations upon the people, as some of them, when the spirit of opposition was roused, would refuse to be vaccinated, even as the doctor recently remarked at the point of a rifle.

He explained that he had ordered 2,500 vaccine points already, the cost amounting to \$250. It had been the custom of distributing vaccine free throughout the city in order that all who desired could be vaccinated. At the meeting of the Medical Association, a short time ago, all the members agreed to vaccinate people free of charge, if the vaccine was supplied gratuitously. He had already distributed 450 vaccine points, and a large number of people had been vaccinated. He suggested that a proclamation be made to the people of Victoria, calling attention to the fact that the provincial government, in view of the possible introduction of smallpox from the state of Washington, have in contemplation the putting into force of the smallpox regulations of 1890, to call their attention to section 43, 45, 52, 53 of the act, and that under those sections the board of health have power to compel all who have not been vaccinated or re-vaccinated within seven years, to comply with these sections in this respect.

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Composition of the Force as Decided at Ottawa This Morning.

On Monday next recruiting in connection with Strathcona's Horse will open throughout the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, the distribution of the members of the contingent being finally decided as indicated below. Our Ottawa correspondent has obtained these figures from the department, by which it will be seen that although the bulk of the British Columbia section is taken from up-country points, a Victoria and Vancouver have also been recognized.

Fifteen men will be drawn from each of these cities. The composition of the contingent will be as follows:

A Squadron, 1st Troop, Manitoba, 40 men; 2nd Troop, Manitoba, 40 men; 3rd Troop, Regina, 40 men; 4th Troop, Prince Albert and Battleford, 40 men. Total, 160 men.

B Squadron, 1st Troop, Calgary, 40 men; 2nd Troop, Edmonton, 40 men; 3rd Troop, Medicine Hat, 40 men; 4th Troop, Lethbridge, 40 men. Total, 160 men.

C Squadron, 1st Troop, Fort Steele, 40 men; 2nd Troop, Nelson, 40 men; 3rd Troop, Golden, 40 men; 4th Troop, Kamloops, 40 men; 5th Troop, Vancouver, 15 men, and Victoria 15 men. Total, 190 men.

Lord Strathcona has wired the Minister of Militia asking if it is true that the members of the contingent sent to South Africa from Canada was of American manufacture. Dr. Borden replied that all saddlery recently ordered had been of Canadian manufacture.

No chaplains or nurses are to be sent from Canada with Strathcona's Horse, the war office having made arrangements to supply these.

Col. Steele, commander of Strathcona's Horse, who left Ottawa to-day for the West, says he is satisfied that the last of the recruiting force will be able to leave Calgary by Feb. 12th. He said that offers from the West were pouring in constantly. One case, as an instance, he mentioned, was that of Fort McLeod, at which point twenty men were recruited, and from which eighty names had already been received.

—Double Stamps with all bargains at the Sterling Sale, February 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 88 Yates street.

—The honorary treasurer of the British Columbia Protestant Orphan's Home thankfully acknowledges the receipt of \$14, being the net proceeds of the "May Queen" concert given by the Philharmonic Society in aid of the institution.

—Messrs. F. G. Richards & Co. to-day closed the sale to Mr. J. Hepburn of a lot on Johnson street, the property of Mr. John Parker, for the sum of \$8,000. It is the intention of the new owner to erect a new brick building thereon. Victoria wants a few more men of Mr. Hepburn's stamp.

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REGIMENTAL PROMOTIONS.

Long List of Changes in Local Militia Corps.

Capt. Martin Jones—the Fifth Regiment.

The following extract from militia orders is published in regimental orders to-day for the information of all concerned: G. O. 133, Fifth British Columbia Regiment.—That part of general order 74 of July, 1899, referring to the 1st battalion of this regiment is cancelled. To be 2nd lieutenant provisionally, Capt. A. C. Martin, from the unattached list, 30th March, 1899.

G. O. 134, Fifth Regiment.—To be captain, Lieutenant T. E. Pooley, to complete establishment, 24th November, 1899; to be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, G. A. Strickland, W. H. Langley, gentleman, Sergeant T. P. Patton, to complete establishment, 24th November, 1899; to be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, J. D. Pennington, W. Ridgway-Wilson, gentleman, to complete establishment, 24th December, 1899.

The following officers having reported for duty are, until further orders, detailed as follows:

Second lieutenant and captain, Alex. C. Martin to No. 2 Company.

Second Lieutenant, T. P. Patton to No. 3 Company.

Second Lieutenant, W. Ridgway-Wilson to No. 6 Company.

Regimental order of 2nd December, 1899, as to the command of No. 2 Company is hereby cancelled. 2nd Lieut. and Capt. Alex. Martin will, until further orders, command this company.

JAMES BAY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Organization of That Body Completed Yesterday.

The James Bay Boys' Brigade Hall Association, incorporated a few weeks ago, held a meeting yesterday afternoon and completed their preliminary organization by electing officers and adopting by-laws. The following are the officers: President, Mr. J. A. Thompson; vice-president, Mr. J. H. Lawson; secretary, Mr. Wm. Laird; treasurer, Mr. E. Vincent; chaplain, Mr. W. A. Lorimer; lieutenant, Mr. Ed. White.

These officers will hold office until the first annual meeting in May next.

It is intended to purchase a second lot of land and erect a hall, for which purpose a public subscription will be asked. The presence of the above well known citizens on the board will give confidence to the movement and insure a business-like management. These men, together with Lt. Col. F. B. Gregory, constitute the board of managers or trustees.

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Old Ironclads	98	80
Brandon & Golden Crown	28	20
Winnipeg	15	14
Hammam	15	14
Athabasca	33	23
Noble Five	10	8
Jim, Blaine	22 1/2	18
Papine	100	100
Humber Cariboo Con	52	50
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	38	34
Slocan Sovereign	30 1/2	25
Republic	104	101
Deer Trail No. 2	13 1/2	12 1/2
Bonanza	114	104
Deer Trail Con	11 1/2	10 1/2
Montreal & London	35	30 1/2
Mountain Lion	98	95 1/2
Iron Mask	55	45
War Eagle Con	27 1/2	26 1/2
Kash Hill	45	45
Lone Pine	17	15
Br. Pac. Gold Prop. Co.	10	10
King	21	18

NEW YORK STOCKS.

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New York, Jan. 31.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar, 118 1/4; C. B. & Q., 23 1/2; C. M. & St. P., 119; Manhattan, 95 1/2; People's Gas, 100 1/4; C. B. & P., 107 1/4; Atchafalca pfd., 62 1/2; American Tobacco, 101 1/2; Union Pacific pfd., 75 1/2; Tennessee Coal, 80 1/2; Louisville & Nashville, 70 1/2; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 76; Union Pacific com., 66 1/2; Federal Steel com., 53 1/2; American Steel & Wire com., 57 1/2; money loaning at 2 1/2 per cent.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—The following are the closing quotations on the Board of Trade: May Wheat, 68 1/2; July Wheat, 68 1/2; May Corn, 29 1/2; May Pork, \$10.07 1/2; Liverpool Wheat, May, 5s 10 1/2d.

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Pacific Cable Offer

Text of the Correspondence Between the Local Government and Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Cotton Explains the Province's Offer to Premier Laurier.

The entire correspondence with relation to the Pacific cable offer of the local government, asked for by resolution of the legislature, has been laid before the House, and is as follows:

(Telegram.)

Victoria, May 8, 1899.

Hon. Mr. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.M.C.,

Ottawa, Ont.

This government observes with great regret that further difficulties have arisen in connection with the Pacific cable scheme. It regards the enterprise as of vast importance, and absolutely necessary if Canada is to secure her proper share of Pacific commerce, which it believes will rapidly assume large proportions. Particularly is the enterprise of moment to British Columbia, the Dominion gateway to the Pacific. On these grounds this government feels justified in undertaking a portion of the expense involved in the construction of the scheme, beyond what is involved in its provincial share of Dominion responsibility. This government, therefore, will assume for the province one-fifth of the cost of the cable on the same terms and under the same arrangements in respect to the control and management of the enterprise as have been proposed by the colonies of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland and Victoria.

(Signed) F. CARTER-COTTON,

Minister of Finance.

The telegram was supplemented by the following letter:

Victoria, May 10, 1899.

Hon. Mr. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.M.C.,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir Wilfrid: I sent you last evening the following telegram (here the telegram is duly set out). I have now the pleasure of confirming the above telegram by stating that this government will be prepared to assume the responsibility for one-fifth share of the cost of the cable on the same terms and under the same arrangements in respect to the control and management of the enterprise as have been proposed by the colonies of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland and Victoria.

(Signed) F. CARTER-COTTON,

Minister of Finance.

But, in the opinion of this government, there are sound reasons for its adoption of the course which has been intimated to you. As the province which abuts on the Pacific ocean, British Columbia is most directly and chiefly interested in any scheme, the object of which is to foster and develop commerce with all communities bordering on that ocean. It has some time since been observed that the federal government did not fully grasp the possibilities of this Pacific commerce, and of the events which are now transpiring, destined, as this government believes, to have an immense influence on the policies and fortunes of the great powers of the world.

This government, therefore, viewed with much satisfaction the decision taken by your government a few weeks ago to assume one-fifth of the five-ninths of the cost of the cable, provided the Imperial government did the same, which, with the contributions of the four Australian governments, would have provided a regular sum and assured the early completion of the enterprise.

It has been, therefore, with the greatest regret that this government observed that a check had been sustained by the refusal of the Imperial government to meet your government's proposal.

With the aim of strengthening the hands

of your government and of inducing the Imperial government to reconsider its decision, this government decided to assume that share of responsibility in the enterprise of which my telegram informed you, and it will await with anxiety your reply that your efforts have been successful, and that at last the negotiations of several years have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

Although as this government understands from the dispatches which have appeared in the newspapers, the Imperial government is prepared to make an annual contribution to any deficiency which may occur in the earnings of the cable-to meet the expenses for maintenance, operation, and interest on capital of a larger sum than would be its share if it became the owner of five-ninths of the enterprise, this government considers that it is of the greatest importance that the Imperial government should be a co-partner in the scheme, whether to the extent proposed, or of a smaller one.

It is of great moment that the necessary capital should be obtained on the most favorable terms, and to this end it is essential that an Imperial guarantee should be given jointly with that of the various colonial governments. As this government is in ignorance of the actual situation beyond what has been disclosed by press reports, which may or may not be accurate, it is unable to discuss the subject more fully, but it would suggest that, even should the Imperial government decline to accept any share of ultimate risk for the capital invested in the enterprise, it might be induced to give its guarantee to the subscribers to the capital, provided that the colonial governments entered into a joint indemnity to it against any financial loss from the giving of such guarantee. I am, dear Sir Wilfrid, faithfully yours,

(Signed) F. CARTER-COTTON,

Minister of Finance.

To this, the Premier replied as follows:

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, Treasury Depart-

ment, Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Carter-Cotton: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. repeating and confirming your message of the preceding day. You are probably aware by this time that on the receipt of your telegram I am, dear Sir Wilfrid, faithfully yours,

(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER,

Minister of Finance.

Mr. Cotton acknowledged the letter in the following:

Victoria, May 20, 1899.

Dear Sir Wilfrid: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. I hope that the Imperial government will see fit to recognize the decision as to the terms upon which it will assist the Pacific cable enterprise so as to assist its method of participation in the project in harmony with that proposed by other governments interested in the matter. In any case, I trust that you will introduce a bill at this session of parliament authorizing your government to take action within the prescribed lines, so that any delay on the part of the Imperial government in modifying their proposals will not necessarily prevent any action being taken until the Dominion parliament meets again.

I am, dear Sir Wilfrid, your faithfully,

(Signed) F. CARTER-COTTON,

Minister of Finance.

ALDENHILL.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

The Van. Archdeacon Scriven is coming in to preach at the English church for the 1st Sunday in February. The church is to be dedicated to All Saints.

The annual bachelors ball was held in Hudd's hall on Friday, the 26th. The large number present enjoyed a pleasant evening's dancing, as well as a good supper, supplied by P. Bishop, the local caterer.

Dr. A. Watson is moving his quarters to the settlement.

The Pater-Clock mineral claims on Mineral Hill have been sold, but no particulars are at hand.

There is to be a large lantern entertainment here on Friday, Feb. 2nd. Mr. Gullish being the entertainer.

The weather here is cold and raw.

COMOX.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Local Scotchmen and their friends in Cumberland celebrated Burns' birthday by a banquet and dance. The usual Burns' songs were given, and a very enjoyable time was kept up till 4 a.m.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in as to the outcome of a visit made to Cumberland this week by the vice-president of the Southern Pacific and other influential men of the Union

Colliery Co. Shipping from the mines is very brisk now, and the coal trains are running night and day.

Excellent indications of a good lead are found in the tunnel being made at the copper mine, Union.

There was a good deal of interest, not unmixed with a little anxiety, when it became known that two sick stowaways from Honolulu had been landed from the ship Hawaiian at Union wharf on Tuesday. However, it transpired the men had passed the health officer in Victoria and fear of the plague departed. The men were destitute, but, by the kindness of a few citizens, were provided with funds and sent to Vancouver, where it is expected the Spanish consul will care for them.

Mr. G. F. Drabble, an old-timer in Comox district, is very seriously indisposed. For upwards of 25 years he has been a prominent figure in the settlement.

The contest over the majority of Cumberland is still unsettled. Some say we have two mayors, other say only one, while most people think we have none at all.

FORT STEELE.

The new hall now being built by the Fort Steele brass band is fast approaching completion, and will be ready for occupation with which it is intended to open it about February 6th.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Sergeant Major Cornish has again taken up his residence in this city, and will act as instructor to the local rifle companies.

Mr. W. G. McQuarrie, who was called to practice last month, has commenced to practice in this city.

The committee appointed to manage an entertainment for the benefit of the war relief fund, met at the city hall on Saturday night, and it was decided that the concert should be held on Friday evening, February 10th. The proposed programme contains military tableaux, Imperial unit figures, bayonet exercises, fencing contests, and patriotic songs and recitations.

ROSSLAND.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held last week. The reports presented were of an encouraging nature. Thirty-three new members were added during the year. It left the city and two died, leaving a net increase of 31. The Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition, the present attendance being over 150. The greatest need of the present time is a suitable building for the purpose. This will probably be provided in the near future. The total amount of cash raised during the past year was \$3,075. It was decided to increase the salary for the current year by \$300, and a special committee was appointed to consider the question of further buildings.

NELSON.

C. P. R. train No. 44, met with a slight accident on Friday near Sloan Junction. A freight car jumped the rails, but no damage was done beyond tearing out a few ties.

Rev. Charles E. Ross, pastor of the Baptist church, has resigned his charge, much to the regret of his congregation. Mr. Ross came to Nelson fourteen months ago from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Of late, however, his health has been failing, and his physical infirmities, together with his pastoral duties, have been too much for him. Mr. H. E. Readeley is about to leave Nelson, having been appointed to the business staff of President Shognessy at the head office of the C. P. R. at Montreal. Mr. Readeley has been 14 years in this country.

YMIN.

A threatening accident occurred here on Thursday. A man named Beaman had the contract for removing the cordwood used at the Tumamuc mill up to where the machinery has been placed. He had taken part of the wood away on Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock and was busy loading on the remainder when a pile of wood, on top of which was a pile of snow and ice, fell on him, burying him in the snow and breaking his left leg in two places. The unfortunate man realized where he fell, partially covered with the cordwood, from 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon until between 8 and 9 o'clock on Friday morning, when he was discovered. Dr. Keller was at once sent for, and although the injured man recovered his senses for a short time the rally was only temporary, and he died very shortly after being rescued.

VANCOUVER.

Alderman Grant handed in a letter, withdrawing his resignation, at the meeting of the city council on Monday evening.

A public meeting is to be held in the city hall on February 2nd, for the purpose of considering the matter of offering to send 10,000 men to go to South Africa.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held on Monday evening for the purpose of considering the report of the committee appointed in connection with the proposed wagon road from Hope, and to hear Messrs. Howe and Anderson with regard to the matter of the road from Princeton to Keremeos. Mr. Malkin moved that a deputation be sent down to Victoria as requested. The names suggested were Messrs. Malkin, McMillan, Bland, Black and Douglas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philips and carried.

The Rev. J. B. Haslam of Monday to take charge of St. George's church, Rossland, until Easter, when the new rector, Rev. C. W. Hedley, of Brantford, will arrive.

Miss Elsie McLeod, a well known and very popular young lady who arrived in the city a few months ago from Winnipeg, passed away at the family residence, 820 Hornby street, early on Monday morning. Her death came as a sudden shock to many of her friends, who were not even aware that she was ill. Miss McLeod was formerly a society belle of the Pacific City, and was a daughter of Mrs. George Ross McLeod, lady of Winnipeg.

The remains of the late Mrs. Stewart, wife of Chief of Police J. M. Stewart, were laid in their last resting place on Monday afternoon. The funeral was held from the family residence on Alexander street. There was a very large attendance. His Worship Mayor Gordon and several of the aldermen, as well as other officials, being among those present. The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. John Reid, Jr., and from there the cortege proceeded directly to the cemetery.

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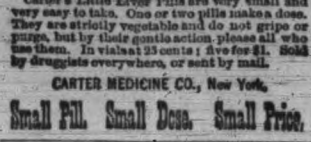
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